





# THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

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## MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS

**Perpetual Novena:**  
 Wednesday after 9:30am Mass

**Holy Rosary:**  
 Saturday after 12:15pm Mass

**Devotions to the Sacred Heart:**  
 First Friday of the month after 9:30am Mass

**Our Lady's Lamp this week burns for:**  
**"The Holy Souls of the Caine & Lodge Family"**



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
 Saturday 11:00am – 12:00pm at St Mary's

**Confessions:**  
 Saturday - 11:00am-12:00pm – St Mary's  
 Sunday - 5:30pm-6:00pm – St Alban's or on Request

**Marriages and Baptisms**  
 by appointment

SUNDAY 18 <sup>h</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Phillip Hirst Arthur and Lucy Ellison For the Parish
MONDAY 19 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	No Public Mass		
TUESDAY 20 <sup>th</sup>	Martyrs of Vietnam	7:00pm	St Alban's	Mary Tate
WEDNESDAY 21 <sup>st</sup>	St Mathew Apostle	9:30am	St Mary's	Sheila Greenwood
THURSDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Feria	9:30am	St Alban's	Private Intention
FRIDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St Padre Pio	9:30am	St Mary's	Private Intention
SATURDAY 24 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of Walsingham	12:15pm	St Mary's	Peter Carolan

READERS ROTA			
THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY	
9:30am	Gabrielle Colleran	9:30am	Rachel Fitzpatrick
11:00am	Katarzina Machinu	11:00am	Jovana Karuna
6:00pm	Paul Coates	6:00pm	Judith McDonald

### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Father Hilton will be inducted as our Parish Priest at a special Mass celebrated by the Bishop in the presence of the Mayor of Calderdale, on **Friday 30th September at 7:00pm.**

The Mass will be followed by a celebration in the Catholic Club.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

**PARKING:** The Elim Church on Hall Street have very kindly given permission for us to use their car park, HX1 5AY.

**CLEANING PARTY** In order to prepare the church, willing volunteers are invited to a Cleaning Party to be held over the days leading up to the event.

This will involve the cleaning of the church, including brasses. Refreshments will be provided as will all cleaning products. However, you may wish to bring your marigolds.

Would willing volunteers please add their names, contact details and days/times of availability to the form provided at the back of the church. Any offer of help would be greatly appreciated. New arrangements have been made for the church grounds to be tidied and to be maintained on a regular basis thereafter.

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE LEEDS**

Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil outside the MSI abortion facility, Leeds. 28 September to 6 November, 7am to 7pm. The last sign of hope and first sign of mercy to those attending MSI Leeds. Over 20,000 lives saved by campaigns worldwide since 2007. Please take a flyer from the back of church if available.

To get involved as a prayer partner or as a vigil volunteer come to our Information Evening at St Augustine's Lower Hall, LS8 5HR on Wednesday 21st September 7pm to 8pm or contact: Chris Redding 07815681343 email 40daysforlifeleeds@gmail.com, Further information at [www.40daysforlife.com/Leeds](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Leeds)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### **PRAYER LIST**

David Sutcliffe, Gladys Megson, Patricia Hintze, Patricia Ellison, John Wallis, Millie Haigh, David Murphy, Peter Fekete, Fawzia Mohamed, William Long, Sonya Box, Julie Simpson, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Peter Smith, Julie Hall, David Hopkinson, Moya Andrew, Suzanne Peaker, Larry Byrne, Winnie Whelan, Kathleen Hannan, Nancy McGrath, Eleanor Foran, Maureen Colleran, Patricia Reynolds and all the sick and housebound of the parish, their families and those who care for them.

If you know of anyone in the Parish who is ill or is housebound please let Fr Hilton or Deacon John know so that a visitation can be arranged.

### **ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

If you want to join in and help the SVP team or if you need assistance please call 07512 011 440.

If you would like to financially support us here are the details: Bank sort Code 60-60-04; Account number 46086137 Account name - SS Mary and Alban Halifax.

You can find out more about the SVP at [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk)

**Next Meeting**— 27th September at 6:45p.m. in St Alban's Parish Hall.

We will be holding a **CAKE SALE** at the back of church on **TODAY** after the 0930 and 1100 Masses. Any contributions of baking will be gratefully accepted. Many thanks.

### **PARISH LADIES' GUILD**

Ladies and Gentlemen, you are invited to the Parish Ladies Guild **AFTERNOON TEA** to be held at the Halifax Catholic Club on Saturday 1st October 2-4pm. Tickets are £7.50 each and must be purchased before the day as seating is limited to 60 people. Tickets on sale before and after the Sunday 9.30am and 11am Masses. For more information, please contact Jean 07453639567

## FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

St Paul tells us that “the life and death of each of us has its influence on others”. The death of the late Queen has had an effect on many different people in various different ways. Our nation has lost its longest serving Head of State, this has left some people deeply moved, filled with a sense of loss and shock, some people have felt nothing at all and one family, in particular, has lost a mother, grandmother and beloved relative.

In the time since Her late Majesty’s death, the days seem to have blurred into one. The coverage on the television has been pretty wall to wall and the newspapers have featured little else. I was listening to the radio in my car yesterday whilst visiting a few of the housebound and was fascinated by one of the call-in shows that was asking for people’s comments and reflections on the events of the past few days.

The best contribution, by a country mile, was from a Muslim listener who had called to say that although he was not a Christian, he had been given hope in the last week or so that Britain has not entirely lost its soul. He observed, quite correctly, that there has been more talk of God and faith, specifically the Christian faith, in the last few days on the television than there has been for many many years. He finished by saying what a good thing this was and that in his opinion, the best way that the British public could honour the late Queen was by imitating her constancy in faith and her love for Jesus Christ.

As you can probably imagine, the radio host wasn’t best pleased with this comment and moved on as quickly as he possibly could to talking about Harry and Meghan holding hands, or something equally tedious. How marvellous, I thought, that this man had managed to hit the nail on the head so succinctly and how typical it was that his contribution was glossed over so quickly.

In 1939 King George VI quoted the poem “The Gate of the Year” in his Christmas broadcast to the Empire: “*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."*” We were told this week, that this was in fact the late Queen’s favourite poem and that she could recite it by heart. These words are now engraved on the gates of the chapel where her body will be finally laid to rest tomorrow and I think are more poignant than any eulogy or obituary.

Whether we are monarchists or republicans, interested or not, there can be no more fitting way to honour Elizabeth II than by going out into the darkness and putting our hands into the hand of God too.

God bless you all.

*Fr Hilton*

**MASSES RECEIVED:** Emily Hallinan, Shelia Greenwood, Anne Smyth, Peggy and Peter Travis, Marjorie and Gordon Ellis, Margaret Toolan

## RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a Retiring Collection **TODAY** for **HOME MISSION SUNDAY**

This week’s **DIOCESAN NOTICES** are on their own page on the [Parish Website](#).

Mass Offerings, Notices and News Items for the Parish Bulletin should be given to Fr Hilton or Deacon John by Wednesday evening. Notices and News Items but not Mass Intentions can be sent to John Coates (07842 066450 or [jbcoates@btinternet.com](mailto:jbcoates@btinternet.com)) again by Wednesday evening.

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